

# Pentecost 26

Isaiah 65:17-25

Isaiah 12

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Luke 21:5-19



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of  
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**13th November, 2016**

**If you are new or visiting Adelaide West Uniting Church we are pleased you are here. A Welcome to Adelaide West information sheet is available in the foyer or from the stewards.**

When we read today's gospel reading (Luke 21.5-19) it seems like a description of our world today. Some things that are important to us will pass away (like the destruction of the temple for the Jews). There are earthquakes, pestilences, famines and fearful events. Even democratic processes are concerning. In some places around the world Christians are being arrested and imprisoned. But Luke says to us, 'stand firm'. This means continue to trust in God and find your future in God.

The Thessalonians reading (2 Thessalonians 3.6-13) is addressing the same circumstances. Some Christians began to think that the world was about to end so they could stop working and wait. But this short letter simply says – 'never tire of doing good'. In other words simply keep on with the business of being a Christian rather than guessing about things beyond our control. We could read some verses from Haggai (last week's reading) the same way: "Be strong all you people of the land and work. For I am with you. This is what I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt. And my Spirit remains among you. Do not fear (Haggai 2.4b-5)."

**Rod Dyson  
Lead Minister**

**Sunday Worship times:**

**creative traditional 9.15am**

**family worship 10.45am**

**youth & young adults 5.00pm**



Uniting Church. **Uniting People.**



### Welcome to Worship,

This week our Seahorses (3-4 year olds) are talking about Daniel and the Lion's Den. In our Mussels (5-6 year olds), Dolphins (7-10 year olds) and Orcas (10-12 year olds) our topic is "Be Patient" based on James 5:7-8.

Don't forget our Celebration Service on the 27<sup>th</sup> November where the children will lead the 10.45am service. We look forward to you all joining us.

Remember it will be followed by a shared lunch (the usual 10.45 shared lunch)

**Blessings Lorraine,  
Children and Families Pastor**

**A place to belong, learn to believe in & become like Jesus**

### Engage Youth News

Please join us from 6pm - 9:30pm.

Dinner & dessert (\$5.00 cost).

Anyone in years 7 – 12 is very welcome.



Engage Youth's Sunday morning program, **EY Sunday**, will not be running this school term. This decision has been made to promote the youth's involvement in the wider church community and to focus and highlight the Engage Youth Friday night service.

Engage Youth runs every Friday of the school term from 6 - 9:30pm and is open to everyone in year 7 - 12.

Engage Youth has something for everyone with indoor and outdoor games, dinner, dessert and opportunities to hear about Jesus, a God who is after our joy.

Jack Harington  
Youth Ministry Team Leader AWUC  
God bless

## Garden Planting

On Saturday 19 November, 8.30 - 11 am, gather to help plant indigenous plantings to bring colour, butterflies, bees and togetherness. Some mulch will be there too for spreading + morning tea!

Big thanks to Andreas for propagating the seedlings.

More info, see Andreas or David Bailey



Our last **Progressive Christianity Service** for 2016 will be held on **Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00 pm** in the Chapel, when Rev Dr Phil Carr will lead us in a Christmas theme: **Christmas, underneath all the chaff!** Christmas in the Bible was never meant to be about mangers, magi and miserable innkeepers; angels, astrology and abiding shepherds. The point is far more

poignant than sentimentality aroused by nativity. You are very welcome to join with us in this approach to Christmas. Please contact Esmond Dowdy or John Maddern if you require any further information. We will resume Progressive Christianity Services in 2017 on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> January

*The Henley & Grange West Torrens  
Concert Band presents...*

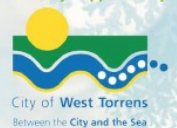
*'tis the  
Season  
to be jolly*

Sunday 13th November 2016  
1:30 ~ 3:30 pm  
Adelaide West Uniting Church  
Sir Donald Bradman Drive

Tickets \$15 available at the door

Afternoon Tea by gold coin donation

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Join the  
**Adelaide West Men's Choir**  
and Associate Artists



For a joyous afternoon of fun and music  
Afternoon tea included

Sunday November 20th, 2pm  
Adelaide West Uniting Church Auditorium  
Sir Donald Bradman Dr, Brooklyn Park

Adults \$15, Concession \$12, Children free

**Tickets available at the door or from a  
member of the choir**

## Adelaide Harmony Choir presents....

Make we merry at Christmas-time.

7:30pm Wednesday 14th December  
Flinders Street Baptist Church

More details on the notice board or see Wendy Barrett.

**Back to Bethlehem** is on the **26th November** and we need a team of helpers for this important community, mission event. Please see Lorraine to work out what you can do to help.

### Small Groups

Please give a list of your small group members to Dorothy Crosby or put the list in the letterbox in the church foyer. By small group I mean all the groups that meet – not just home groups.

**Thank you** again to everyone who helped us host the Synod and Presbytery meeting. It was another positive gathering of Uniting Church representatives from South Australia.

Some key points:

- ◆ Rev Sue Ellis was installed as the new Moderator. Dr Deidre Palmer gave a report on her three years as Moderator and was thanked by the Synod.
- ◆ The foundation of the meeting was worship and this was led primarily by Burnside City Uniting Church.
- ◆ The bible studies were led by Ruthmary Bond and focused on relational evangelism. She urged us to build relationships with those who do not know Jesus and to find 20 seconds of courage to share what we know and have experienced about Jesus.
- ◆ Members attended electives on church planting, evangelism and discipleship, leadership and dealing with difficult people.
- ◆ Access to hospital chaplains is now more difficult with the new patient data base. When you go to hospital list the Uniting Church as your denomination and ask nurses for a spiritual care consult order or contact the chaplain directly.
- ◆ A Gen Y presentation gave us insight into how this generation sees church.
- ◆ The Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress shared in many aspects of the meeting.

## What's on this week...

<b>Today</b>	9:15am	Rod Dyson
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	5:00pm	Simon Story
<b>Monday 14th</b>	6:30 - 8:30pm	Girls' Brigade AWUC hall
	7:30pm	Men's choir practice AWUC chapel
<b>Tuesday 15th</b>	9:30 - 11:30am	Coffee, chat & share Craft Group AWUC hall
	7:00pm	prayer & fasting AWUC chapel
<b>Wednesday 16th</b>	7:00pm	Progressive Christianity AWUC chapel
<b>Thursday 17th</b>	9:30 - 11:00am	mainly music playgroup AWUC hall
<b>Friday 18th</b>	6:00 - 9:30pm	Engage Youth AWUC
<b>Saturday 19th</b>	8:30 - 11:00 am	Garden team plantings
<b>Next Sunday 20th November</b>	9:15am	Ben Clarke
	10:45am	Ben Clarke
	<b>2:00pm</b>	<b>Men's Choir Concert AWUC</b>
	5:00pm	Lauren Andris

## Planning ahead.....

26th Nov	Back to Bethlehem
27th Nov	Kids' Space Service during 10:45 worship
18th Dec	Kids' Space Party
21st December	Mellor Park Carols

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